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SUBJ: SOVIETS CONFIRM CESSATION OF JAMMING WAS

A POLITICAL DECISION

1. ATSMALL LUNCH SEPTEMBER 13 HOSTED BY CHARGE FOR FONMIN'S SON ANATOLIY GROMYKO (BOUND FOR WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH AS MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN SOVIET EMBASSY) MFA /USA DIVISION CHIEF KORNIYENKO SAID THAT CESSATION OF VOA JAMMING WAS AN "INTERNAL DECISION." IN LATER DISCUSSION ON SAKHAROV-SOLZHENITSYN AFFAIR, MFA POLICY PLANNING CHIEF MIKHAIL SMITRNOVSKIY (THE OTHER SOVIET AT LUNCH) ASKED RHETORICALLY, "WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR RELATIONS THE SAKHAROV AFFAIR OR THE STOPPING OF JAMMING?"

2. THESE COMMENTS, MADE IN PRESENCE OF SON OF POLITBURO MEMBER, CONFIRM THAT CESSATION OF JAMMING RESULTED FROM HIGH LEVEL DECISION THAT IS MEANT AS AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL GESTURE. COMMENTS ALSO PROVIDE STRONG INDICATION THAT DECISION IS NOT INTENDED AS A PROVISIONAL ONE.

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3. SAYING THAT DECISION WAS "INTERNAL" , KORNIYENKO

ADDED THAT TIMING OR FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS WERE  
NOT IMPORTANT FACTORS AND THAT THERE IS NO LINKAGE TO  
CSCE. SMIRNOVSKIY'S COMMENT BELIES THIS, AND OUR OWN  
VIEW IS THAT FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS WERE PARAMOUNT.  
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